

Politicians Amazed at Baker Tour

Political Leaders Surprised at Democrats Risking Wasteful Secretary of War to Pinch Hit for Cox.

Travels By Special Train

Washington, D. C., Oct. 22.—(Special)—Political Washington is amazed at the temerity of the democratic managers in making Secretary of War Baker the central figure of the troupe of pro-league speakers now making a special train tour of the west in an eleven-hour attempt to bolster the waning democratic campaign.

Secretary Baker, of all men connected with the present administration, is pointed out as the one under whose immediate direction occurred the most flagrant waste of public funds raised by Liberty loans and war taxes. Yet he is now brought forth as the democratic "pinch-hit."

Republican leaders are wondering whether the people of the west, aware of the discount at which Liberty bonds are selling and suffering under the continued imposition of war taxes, will forego the opportunity offered by Mr. Baker's presence to ask about the reasons for some of his extraordinary expenditures.

Bought 580,000 Horses. Under Mr. Baker's administration of the War department the government bought 580,000 horses during the period of the war. Only 67,000 of these were shipped overseas and 96,000 died—most of them far from the scene of hostilities.

For these half million horses, the government bought 945,000 saddles—almost two for every horse. It bought 2,850,000 halters, or five for every horse. It bought 585,000 saddle bags, one apiece, and 1,637,000 horse brushes, three apiece.

The government purchased 2,033,000 nose-bags, so that each horse could eat breakfast out of one, dinner out of another, supper out of another and have one left for a midnight lunch.

For ordnance officers the government bought 712,000 sets of gun straps, about 36 sets for each officer. There were purchased 195,000 branding irons, one for every three horses.

What happened as to horses and horse equipment, under Mr. Baker's direction, happened with other things as well.

\$7,159,000 Thrown Away. The administration established a new artillery camp near Columbus, Ga., and as part of the site bought for \$439,000 a plantation for which the owner had paid \$32,000. It bought so much land that a delegation of Georgia citizens went to Washington to protest that there wasn't enough taxable land left in the county to support the county government.

Witnesses Called In Gilinski Trial. Completion of Jury Defeated by Objections by Omahan's Attorney.

Jackson, Mich., Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Witnesses in the trial of Dave Gilinski, Omahan charged with the murder of Under Sheriff Harry Worden at Mack Island, July 29, after the robbery of the Grass Lake bank, have been instructed to report in the circuit court.

Harding and Coolidge Are Destined To Sweep New York by Big Plurality

Senator Wadsworth Also Slated for Re-election by Large Margin Over Lieutenant Governor Walker; Contest for Governorship Less Certain.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Oct. 22.—Harding and Coolidge are destined, according to present indications, to sweep New York state by an enormous plurality—300,000 or more would not be surprising.

Senator Wadsworth will be re-elected by a large plurality over Lieutenant Governor Walker, the democratic candidate, although he will run far behind Harding. There is less certainty concerning the contest over the governorship, but the chances are that Nathan L. Miller, republican, though running considerably behind Harding, will defeat Governor A. Smith, the Tammany democrat, who is expected to run ahead of Cox.

Governor Cox is to be given a great reception here tomorrow, but he will be entertained by a democratic management which has given up all hope of delivering to him, the 45 electoral votes of the empire state. Likewise they are no longer reckoning the defeat of Senator Wadsworth a possibility. They do think, however, that Al Smith stands a good chance of re-election, and upon the task of saving that much of their ticket, the Jeffersonian chieftains, headed by Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall, are now concentrating all known political strategies.

Women For Harding. Harding will come down to the Bronx with a veritable avalanche of republican votes now that the women have the vote. Preliminary canvasses indicate that a slightly larger percentage of women than men will support the republican ticket.

Harding could lose Greater New York City by 200,000 or 300,000 still with the state handsomely, by virtue of the upstate landslide. But the indications are that he will come close to carrying even this metropolitan democratic stronghold. This is because the republicans are more united than ever in having suffered negligible defections from the league of nations question, while the democratic party is shot through

McKelvie Calls Campaign Bluff Of His Opponent. Absurdity of Morehead Charges Is Explained by Republican Candidate in Speech at Hastings.

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram)—John H. Morehead's criticism of the civil administrative code was denounced as "puerile in the manifest absence of comprehension of the state's administrative machinery," in an address by Governor McKelvie here.

The speech in Hastings closed a Lusy day of campaigning for the governor, who addressed crowds at Minden and Kenesaw. "I see by press reports that my opponent, Mr. Morehead, points out how he is going to effect a considerable saving to the state by doing away with the civil administrative code and the departments under it," the governor declared. "The activities thus included embrace the administration and enforcement of all the laws that do not fall under the supervision of the eight constitutional executive departments. Plan is Impossible.

Before the code went into effect these laws were administered through 21 departments created by legislative act. Under the code these 21 departments were consolidated into six. Consequently the proposed elimination of these departments is an utter impossibility, could not be done without largely extending the carrying on of the same work through other departments and would affect no saving whatever to the state.

On this point I shall make a more complete statement to the press shortly, but for the present, it is sufficient to say that it is so impractical and so puerile in the manifest absence of comprehension of the state's administrative machinery that it brands the one who advocates it as a fool.

Mexican Under Secretary Of Foreign Affairs Quits. Mexico City, Oct. 22.—Dr. Cutberto Hidalgo, under-secretary of foreign relations, relinquished that post yesterday, having resigned to become a candidate for the office of governor of the state of Hidalgo.

Stevadores in Vera Cruz Tie Up Traffic by Strike. Mexico City, Oct. 22.—All traffic in the port of Vera Cruz has been stopped by the strike of stevedores and dock workers, and the controversy may result in a general nationwide strike, according to newspaper dispatches. It is said workers in many lines are organizing, and that the walkout of dock workers at Vera Cruz would probably be extended to Progreso and Tampico, as well as other gulf ports.

Matinee Races Planned for Humane Society Convention. Plans of the women's auxiliary of the Nebraska Humane society for the entertainment of the delegates to the national convention in Omaha, October 25-28, include a dinner Monday at Hotel Fontenelle, automobile tour of the city Tuesday afternoon, followed by matinee races at Ak-Sar-Ben field, annual meeting and banquet in the evening at Hotel Fontenelle, tour of the stock yards Wednesday, and motion pictures at the Auditorium in the afternoon. Wednesday evening Mrs. George A. Joslyn will give a reception and organ recital at her home

Big Alleged Sugar Fraud Is Revealed

Omaha Attorney Prepares Eight Suits Totalling \$750,000 Against Importing Companies.

Stuff Stored Six Years

An alleged gigantic fraud in dumping upon the American market 5-120,000 pounds of spoiled and inferior Java refined sugar under representations that it was the best granulated sugar, has been uncovered by William Ritchie, jr., Omaha attorney, who has just returned from a six weeks' trip to San Francisco and Chicago in the interests of 33 western sugar jobbers. He is now preparing eight suits to be filed against sugar importing companies, all of them doing business in this territory. These suits will be for \$500,000 to \$750,000 and will be filed in San Francisco within two weeks, Mr. Ritchie said yesterday.

Agents went through this and other parts of the country last spring when sugar was so scarce that almost none could be bought, and sold what purported to be the finest Java refined sugar, prices ranging from 21 to 24 cents a pound. Paid in Advance. It was stipulated that the sugar had to be paid for by draft or letters of credit before it was shipped from San Francisco. When it arrived in Omaha and at the houses of jobbers elsewhere it was found to be of very inferior grade. Mr. Ritchie said, some of it scarcely more than molasses.

"It was 'so bad,'" he said, "that none of it was put on the market. It couldn't be sold. One lot was so wretched that 500 pounds of it actually leaked out of the sacks in the form of molasses enroute from San Francisco here. "This sugar was bought by Japanese speculators in 1914 and was stored in Hong Kong, China, warehouses. There some of it 'reverted' to molasses. And when it was shipped to America, the dirt and everything of those dirty warehouses was scooped up together. It proved on delivery to be a hopeless mess. No Americans would think of using it.

Importing Firms Settle. "Though a polarization test of '98 or better" was stipulated in contracts, some of the stuff received tested only 77. "The deals resulted in enormous losses to the jobbers. All the sugar had been paid for because that was the only way the jobbers could get it. Yet it couldn't be sold to the sugar-hungry public."

Mr. Ritchie represented one Omaha jobber, two in Lincoln and 30 others in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. He made settlement with some of the importing firms who, he said, had, themselves, been cheated in the importation, believing that the sugar was all right.

Council of League Meets in Belgium. Organization of International Court of Justice and Disarmament Discussed.

Brussels, Oct. 22.—The organization of an international court of justice and the subject of general disarmament were the topics of discussion today by members of the council of the league of nations, in session here. The views of the members were exchanged in strictly private consultations. Even the confidential secretaries were excluded from the sessions. The project for the international court has provoked criticism from Scandinavian countries. Norway and Denmark appear to have joined hands in support of certain amendments to the court plan, as well as of amendments to the covenant of the league, which they will present at Geneva.

Charge Attempt to Extort Money From Draft Evaders. Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 22.—On a complaint filed by U. S. Commissioner Daniel J. Conway of Sioux Falls, S. D., Julius M. Johnson was arrested here today and bound over to the federal court in bonds of \$1,000. According to the complaint Johnson attempted to extort money from M. M. Kier and other persons living at Viborg, S. D., in consideration of his withholding information concerning alleged violation of the national draft act. The alleged offense was committed on or about the tenth of this month, according to the complaint. Johnson was unable to furnish security but expected to obtain bondsmen.

President Huerta to Visit Cities in Western Texas. El Paso, Tex., Oct. 22.—Provisional President de la Huerta of Mexico will visit several west Texas cities soon after General Obregon is inaugurated. It was stated in a special dispatch received via Herald from Mexico City. He will return to his duties as governor of Sonora, Mexico, by way of Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, it was stated.

Inventor Dies. Concord, N. H., Oct. 22.—Adrian H. Hoyt, physicist, inventor of the national draft card, died yesterday. He perfected a device for measuring electrical current and a timing device for deep sea bombs, which was used with success in fighting German submarines.

Why Democratic Orators Talk About League



Cox Reiterates Former Demands For Retraction

Democratic Candidate Again Declares Elihu Root Misrepresented His Stand Upon League of Nations Issue.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 22.—Charges that Elihu Root has misrepresented his league of nations position were reiterated by Governor Cox, in another telegram sent to Mr. Root, during the candidate's New Jersey campaign. Making a second vigorous demand for a retraction by Mr. Root, the governor said, regarding Mr. Root's reply to the candidate's first telegram: "You have entered upon a long dissertation upon the subject of article 10 in which again, by inference, you are endeavoring to mislead, either through misunderstanding or lack of information regarding my speeches, to misrepresent my position on the league of nations."

Replies to Telegram. In this message and in more than half dozen speeches, Governor Cox reiterated that he would accept "helpful" reservations. "Honorable Elihu Root—New York City: I have your telegram of October 21, in reply to mine of October 20, in which I called attention to your misstatement in your address in New York City, when you said that you would insist upon the treaty just as Mr. Wilson negotiated it."

"I respectfully asked you, a retraction of your untrue statement. You have apparently mistaken the purpose of my message, which was to give you the opportunity to correct a possible error or to admit the deliberateness of intent of its presentation. Permit me, therefore to renew in terms that cannot be misunderstood, the request which can be answered with an unequivocal 'yes' or 'no.' Did you or did you not, make the statement as quoted; and do you not know now that it is just to the American people, who have honored you, you should publicly acknowledge it?"

"In your reply to me you have evaded the question." (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

Argentina and U. S. Sign Treaty for Travelers. Washington, Oct. 22.—Secretary of State Colby, acting for the United States, and Ambassador Le Breton, for Argentina, today signed a treaty between the two countries, according to each reciprocal privileges as relates to commercial travelers. The treaty as signed today at the State department is similar to the commercial treaties that have been negotiated with other Latin-American countries, except that the favored nation clause was eliminated at Argentina's request and a clause prohibiting liquor salesmen from the two countries operating was inserted also at Argentina's request.

American Mine Foreman Dies of Gunshot Wound. Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 22.—Mose Sevey, American citizen and foreman of the Cananea Duluth mine of the Cananea Consolidated Copper company at Cananea, Sonora, died of a gunshot wound inflicted by Ramundo Navarro yesterday, according to a telephone message from Naco, Navarro, a Mexican, remains at large.

Actions Lead to Arrest. Queer actions of Lawrence Horton, 45, Fifty-sixth and Q streets, Thursday night at Twenty-fourth and M streets led to his arrest. He said he went to a bath house in Sixtieth and N streets, which is in reality a cornfield.

Believe Man Took Life to Avoid Law

Paxton Pharmacy Proprietor Was Consignee of Barrel Of Grain Alcohol.

Fear of an impending indictment on a prohibition violation is said to have led to the suicide of Carl T. Schmidt at his room, 2540 South Ninth street, Thursday night. According to Prohibition Enforcement Officer James H. Hanley, Schmidt, who was proprietor of the Paxton hotel pharmacy, was consignee of a 50-gallon barrel of grain alcohol at a local freight depot last week. This barrel, shipped from Kansas City, Mo., was labeled "Peroxide" but its odor advertised the true contents and two federal agents seized the contraband. No indictments or complaints have yet been filed, according to Mr. Hanley. However, he is now co-operating with the revenue agents at Kansas City, and complaints against the Kansas City firm which made the shipment of the alcohol and the Schmidt pharmacy are expected to be filed this week.

The confiscated liquor is held as evidence in the federal building vault. Mr. Schmidt had been a resident of Omaha for 20 years. His body is being held at the Gentlemen mortuary pending word from his brother, Max Schmidt of Seattle, Wash.

"Cotton Belt" Route Thriving Since End Of Government Rule. Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Oct. 22.—Declaring that his figures disclose a striking illustration of the inefficiency of railroads under federal operation, J. M. Herbert, president of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway company, known as the "Cotton Belt," has issued a report of what he shows to be an unusually thriving condition of the road in the six months it has been back under private management from March 1 to August 31, this year.

The St. Louis Southwestern elected not to accept the terms of the government guaranty at the time the roads were turned back, but decided to operate on its own resources. "If the guaranty had been accepted," said Mr. Herbert, "the sum of \$1,900,038.99 would have reverted to the Interstate Commerce commission. This represents the net income in excess of the amount we would have been permitted to retain on the basis of one-half the annual standard return or compensation. The excess income over standard return, disregarding credit due account maintenance expenditures in excess of estimated federal allowance was \$306,753.75."

Employees Offer to Take 20 Per Cent Wage Decrease. Fall River, Mass., Oct. 22.—The Massachusetts Manufacturing Co. announced that its employees here have offered to accept a reduction in wages of approximately 20 per cent in face of a threatened shutdown, said to be due to high manufacturing costs and the hesitancy of the public to buy at the present prices. The company manufactures cleaning waste, car box packing and coarse cotton mop yarn.

Omaha Man Raps League. Beaver Crossing, Neb., Oct. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Charles A. Sunderlin, Omaha attorney, was the principal speaker at a republican rally here last night, condemning the league of nations as a violation of the best traditions of America and charging it is un-American, autocratic and unconstitutional.

MacSwiney Still Forced to Eat In Word From Prison

Lord Mayor Conscious at Intervals But Is Unable to Recognize Relatives Says Official Announcement.

London, Oct. 22.—The Exchange Telegraph announces that it has been informed that Lord Mayor MacSwiney is at the point of death. London, Oct. 22.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, was delicious this morning, and the prison authorities continued to force food in his mouth in spite of his protests, according to a bulletin issued by the Irish self-determination league. The lord mayor becomes conscious at intervals, the bulletin said, but is unable to recognize relatives or his surroundings. For a short time last night his delirium again became violent.

The Central-News says MacSwiney is only partially conscious this morning, having passed a very bad night. It declares a doctor again administered liquid food, and that subsequently the lord mayor became violently ill and was thrown into an exhausted condition. The league's mid-afternoon bulletin stated that Mayor MacSwiney had been in a more or less semi-conscious condition all morning. "He recognized his sister, Mary, but no one else," the bulletin added. "The delirium continues at intervals in a more extreme form. He now is calm."

Rabbis Must Notify State Officers When Applying for Wine. Washington, Oct. 22.—Jewish rabbis, applying for sacramental wines, must notify state prohibition directors that they are "actually entitled to receive wines for sacramental purposes and that the quantity applied for is not excessive," according to instructions issued by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams.

Statements accompanying applications from the president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, New York City; the president of the Rabbinical assembly of the Jewish Theological seminary, Philadelphia; the president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Detroit; and the president of the Assembly of Orthodox Rabbis of America, New York, will be accepted, the instructions provide.

Pennsylvania Freshman Is Charged With Murder. Philadelphia, Oct. 22.—A warrant charging him with the murder of Elmer C. Drees, Dartmouth senior, was issued for William H. Brines, a University of Pennsylvania freshman, by the district attorney's office. Brines, according to the police, is the owner of the yellow motor car, stained with blood and containing an automatic pistol and two empty bottles, found abandoned about a mile from where Drees' body was discovered last Sunday.

The Weather. Forecast. Partly cloudy and colder Saturday. Hourly Temperature. 8 a. m. 44, 9 a. m. 42, 10 a. m. 40, 11 a. m. 38, 12 m. 36, 1 p. m. 34, 2 p. m. 32, 3 p. m. 30, 4 p. m. 28, 5 p. m. 26, 6 p. m. 24, 7 p. m. 22, 8 p. m. 20, 9 p. m. 18, 10 p. m. 16, 11 p. m. 14, 12 noon 12.

Coal Strike Situation Is Hopeful

Peace Negotiations Between English Miners and Government Continue Unbroken; Joint Meeting Today.

Rail Men May Not Quit

By The Associated Press. London, Oct. 22.—The strike situation tonight was considered more hopeful by the fact that the peace conversations between the government and the miners' leaders are continuing unbroken. There were no new developments, however. At a joint meeting tomorrow between the coal men and miners, from which it is hoped that peace may be made that the railway men postpone their strike, set for Sunday night, should there be no agreement between the government and miners by Saturday, until after the trade unions conference, on Wednesday.

Anxiety Felt in London. The greatest anxiety exists among Londoners, for if the rail strike becomes effective Sunday night the underground tube railways will cease working. Also the trams and buses will suspend operations. The bus and tram drivers, however, have expressed themselves as reluctant to join the movement. There is division among the railroad men with regard to the strike, a large section of them opposing it. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railway men has authorized the statement that he is against the strike.

This has brought about the very general opinion that there will not in any case be a rail strike before Wednesday, but should it transpire, the ministry of transport has an emergency plan in readiness for immediate operation of the railways by volunteers and all machinery created for the purpose during last year's strike will be utilized. Seek International's Help. Berlin, Oct. 22.—Leaders of striking British miners have applied to the Miners' Internationale for assistance, according to the Vorwarts. The newspaper adds that German miners are watching the British strike with intense interest, and have sent a message to the British coal diggers wishing them speedy success.

All the world, especially Russia, is taking a keen interest in the conflict, says a manifesto to the miners written by Mm. Losowsky and Anzelovitch, soviet Russian delegates here, and printed in the Rote Fahne, a radical organ.

Packing Company Officers Guilty. Defendants, Tried for Using Mails to Defraud, Convicted by Jury. Chicago, Oct. 22.—All six defendants in the Consumers' Packing company trial were found guilty last night of using the mails in a conspiracy to defraud. The jury in Federal Judge Ewan E. Evans court returned a verdict of guilty on 14 counts in the indictment, each count carrying a penalty of from one to five years' imprisonment. All the defendants were found guilty on all the counts.

The indictment resulted from an involuntary petition in bankruptcy filed in the United States district court. Charges were made that the company had sold \$800,000 of stock and that \$500,000 of the proceeds were used for promotional purposes. Eli Pfaelzer, president of the company, and Louis Davis, a director, pleaded guilty to the charges during the trial. The defendants are: Edward J. Ader, secretary of the company; John M. Kanter, fiscal agent; Ralph A. J. Messing, Edward H. Trost, directors; Miss Goldie Skolnik, secretary to Ader, and Benjamin E. Turner, director.

Two Killed When Lorry Is Ambushed by 100 Near Cork. Cork, Oct. 22.—An officer and a private were killed and five other soldiers wounded this morning when two military lorries were ambushed near Cork. The attackers numbered 100. The fight lasted half an hour. The attacking force captured all the equipment carried by both lorries. The scene of the attack was a narrow road between heavily wooded hills.

Former Chief Justice Jailed for Contempt. Denver, Oct. 22.—Justice Harrison White, former chief justice of the Colorado supreme court, spent last night in jail after sentence for contempt of court by Judge C. J. Morley, of the district court. Sentence was pronounced following Judge White's refusal to obey a court order to change the pleadings in a divorce action. "I will not obey an order that is beyond the jurisdiction of this court," Judge White told the court.

Requisition Granted. Phoenix, Oct. 22.—Governor Campbell granted a requisition for extradition to California, of Nathan Robinson, who also was said to have used the name of John M. Standish in San Francisco, on charge of murder in connection with the death of Nelson S. Dunn. Robinson was arrested at Nogales